

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
CAREER OF MAYOR JOE B. JACK-
SON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of a hard-working, dedicated public servant, Mayor Joe B. Jackson. Mayor Jackson has served the City of Murfreesboro, my home town, for the past 30 years. First as city councilman from 1968 to 1982, then as Mayor until his retirement on May 7, 1998.

During his tenure, Murfreesboro has grown from the quaint, southern, small town to one of the fastest growing cities in the nation. When Mayor Jackson began his public life, Murfreesboro's population was around 25,000—now, under his leadership, the population has grown to over 60,000. Although the growth has been tremendous, especially in the past ten years, Mayor Jackson has made sure we continue to maintain our exceptional quality of life.

Murfreesboro has faced many challenges since Mayor Jackson first took office. One was to successfully recruit more industry to the area, therefore providing better job opportunities for young people. While many point to industrial development as his single greatest accomplishment, it has been his vision and leadership that has proven time and time again to bring our community together to do the long-range planning necessary.

As the senior member of the council, he has always been the first one willing to learn. One of his greatest talents is his ability to look ahead, not just to the next week or next election, but his ability to look to the future and plan for the changes that lie ahead.

Mayor Jackson has not only served at the helm of our fair city, but he has also held leadership positions as the past-president of the Tennessee Municipal League and as a member of the Board of Directors at The National League of Cities.

Although he may be retiring as Mayor, he is not retiring from public service—it's in his blood. Besides, we do not plan on letting him retire. I know I will turn to him for advice, and am confident future city leaders will do the same.

It goes without saying that Mayor Jackson would not be the leader he is today without the support and guidance of one special individual, his wife, Frances. She not only helped raise three wonderful daughters, Janeese, Jodi and Jennifer, but she has always been there by his side through the ups and downs. Everyone in Murfreesboro knows their accomplishments are joint accomplishments.

On a personal note, Mayor Jackson has meant a great deal to me and my family. Mayor Jackson has known my parents since they all attended college together at Middle Tennessee State University. His family, along with mine, have been longtime members of Saint Mark's Methodist Church in Murfreesboro.

Mayor Jackson, we will forever be indebted to you. Thank you for sharing your time and your love to help make Murfreesboro a better place to live for all of us.

"WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME"
ESSAY WINNER KYLE KITSCHER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Fort Collins Elks Lodge No. 804 recently held a ceremony honoring three Fort Collins students for having written admirably on the subject of American citizenship. Their essays, entitled, "What America Means to Me," are fine examples of what we can expect when we encourage our children to articulate their patriotism.

This year's first-place winner is Kyle Kitscher, a fifth grader at Tavelli Elementary School. Allow me to share with you excerpts of his essay:

America is my home. I was born here making me a legal citizen. Many people would like to live here and become citizens because of the freedom we enjoy. The kind of freedom America has is like this: We have the choice of who we want to marry or where we want to live. We have the choice of which religion we want to practice.

America has a great history. We take bits and pieces of other cultures and blend them together for a new culture, this is diverse. America has good land for growing food, minerals for production and clean water and plenty of land for everyone.

Second and third place went to Kelly Taylor and Jordan Bowlby; both from Riffenburgh Elementary School. They, too, are to be commended for superb writing on a subject so dear to us all.

Let me take a moment to thank the Elks Lodge #804 in Fort Collins, which has sponsored this competition now for 14 years. Their many years of contributions to elementary education in Fort Collins are worthy of recognition by the House.

IN HONOR OF LIFE WITH CANCER

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Inova Fairfax Hospital Program, Life with Cancer, for its fine work helping cancer victims and their families cope with the disease and enhance their quality of life. Life with Cancer is entirely supported by community funds and offers its programs free of charge to patients in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area and their families and friends, regardless of where the patient is being treated.

The group was started at Fairfax Hospital in 1987 by a widower whose wife had died of cancer. He was left with two children and a great deal of emotional pain. He used his two-year experience of coping with his wife's illness and its impact on his family to create a program to support families affected by cancer at all stages of the illness. The resulting program is one of the most comprehensive of its kind in the United States. Because the program is based in Fairfax Hospital, which treats more cancer patients than any other hospital in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area,

program staff are able to work closely with highly skilled physicians and allied health care professionals to provide the most beneficial services to patients.

Life with Cancer supports family members through the duration of the cancer experience by providing the most current information on cancer diagnoses, treatment, and psychosocial impact, assisting children and adults who have lost a loved one to cancer, collaborating with other health care professionals to assure that patients and their families are receiving comprehensive and coordinated services, and educating the community about cancer and its impact.

Classes available to patients and their families include: I Can Cope, a seminar discussing basic facts about coping with cancer, Look Good . . . Feel Better, for patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatments, Spirituality and Cancer, to help families reexamine their religious beliefs given the cancer experience, and Humor and Cancer, to help patients and family members use humor as a means to strengthen their mental attitude toward cancer. Ongoing emotional support is provided by support group and family meetings. Short-term counseling and crisis intervention is available for individual assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking the staff and volunteers of Life with Cancer for their dedication to helping cancer victims and their families. This valuable program, which should serve as a national model, provides a much-needed network of support for those dealing with the impact of this devastating disease.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING ANDREW NEWHOUSE, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Andrew Newhouse, winner of the 1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Andrew is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Andrew Newhouse is an exceptional student at Jackson County Western High School and possesses an impressive high school record. He has been involved with the National Honor Society. Andrew is also involved with the Science Academic Games Team and the Jazz band. He is a member of the varsity cross country track team. Outside of school Andrew, has been involved in volunteer work at his local church, taking a college class, and tutoring learning disabled students.

In special tribute, Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Andrew Newhouse for his selection as a winner of a